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The Airtimes is a quarterly newsletter for sharing updates with our partners, neighbors and stakeholders.

Our mission: To provide for the movement of people and goods, and the delivery of state services.

United Airlines Summer Activity

With 25 years of service in the airline industry, Ron Lance has seen his share of ups and downs. As the General Manager of the United Airlines Anchorage station, Lance has spent 20 of those years with United Airlines. Even though the airline industry took a hit from 9/11 and suffered bankruptcy concerns, United Airlines has continued to provide vital service at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Ron is optimistic about United Airlines' future in Anchorage, especially with the summer flight schedule due to begin.



*Ron Lance
Anchorage General Manager, United Airlines*

"On June 8th, we will increase from two to five flights a day including direct service to Chicago, Seattle, Denver and San Francisco, with seven flights each Saturday. We have a very busy schedule ahead of us with the tourist season approaching," explains Lance. To manage this increased flight demand, United Airlines will upgrade all summer flights to Boeing 757s, which will provide 60 additional seats per flight. Lance went on to say, "we typically hire between 50-60 seasonal staff each summer to help with the flights."

United Airlines also provides ground handling services and customer service support for Air Canada. From May 18th to September 18th, Air Canada will offer its seasonal roundtrip service from Vancouver to Anchorage for summer tourists and travelers. In addition, partnerships with Hawaiian Airlines and Hawaiian Vacations will continue to keep United Airlines busy with two flights a week throughout the year.

And when asked for his summer traveling advice, Lance responded with a grin, "Always pack light."

Director's Corner:

Summer will be a busy time here at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport as we head into our active tourist season. We are making final plans for the A & B Concourse retrofit project along with other infrastructure improvements such as Taxiway Zulu and Echo parking expansion. I have been fielding many questions regarding the work on the A & B concourses, and thought I would take this opportunity to provide more detail.

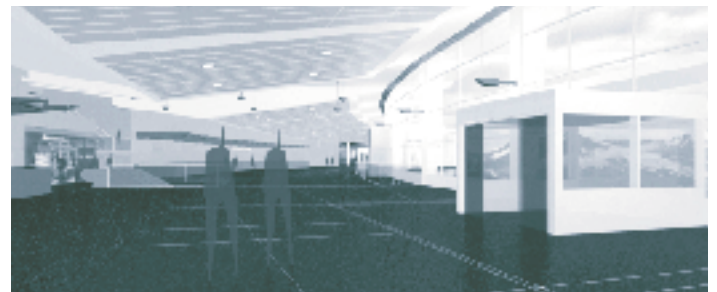
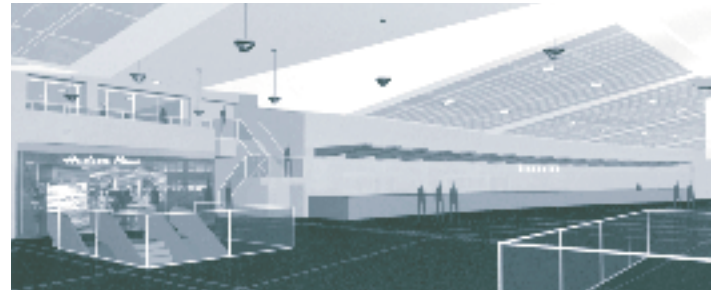
RIM Architects is completing all design work now, and in October 2006 the retrofit project will begin renovations to the South Terminal with structural and seismic improvements. Although the B Concourse will maintain its characteristic look with the hexagon lobby, the new configuration will align ticket counters and allow for a greater concentration of shops, food and beverage options near the security check point and passenger waiting areas. This remodel also will stimulate growth by accommodating larger airplanes in the B Concourse. The A & B concourses will receive architectural enhancements and updating of interior finishes, to be more unified with the recently built C Concourse.

Security accommodations will be enhanced with additional passenger screening areas. The retrofit will also allow for the reconfiguration of existing airline baggage belts to create one centralized security screening area for airlines. Airline tugs will now be able to efficiently load bags in three drive-up stalls for quick turn expediting. Passengers can expect the development of two new baggage carousels that will replace existing belts between ERA Aviation and the new Alaska Airlines baggage area.

I would like to thank the airlines, tenants, passengers and Airport employees in advance for your patience as this project begins. The end result of an up-to-date hub and economic stronghold for the State of Alaska will truly be a benefit to us all.



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Conceptual remodel renderings provided by RIM Architects.

Airlights

Brookstone Opens in C Concourse

Brookstone Stores, Inc., a nationwide specialty retail operator, celebrated the opening of their new store in the C Concourse in January 2006. The 1,200-square-foot store is located next to the Chili's Too restaurant and features unique gifts, travel essentials, and consumer products. Shoppers are encouraged to try out Brookstone products in the store for a "hands-on" experience.

Cargo 360 and Shanghai Airlines Begin Service

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is pleased to welcome its two newest cargo carriers, Cargo 360 and Shanghai Airlines, who will begin service in the next 3 months. Cargo 360, a U.S. cargo carrier based out of Seattle, will operate 8 flights a week with service between Seoul, Korea and New York via Anchorage. Shanghai Airline Co. Ltd. is scheduled to operate six flights per week between Shanghai, China and Los Angeles via Anchorage.

Meet

Linda Close: Marketing Director

Since taking her post as the Marketing Director of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport seven years ago, Linda Close has proven that she is ready to take on any challenge. As Marketing Director, Linda is responsible for retaining and attracting passenger and cargo carriers to operate at the Airport. No easy task – but Linda enjoys working with many people from different countries around the world, as well as cargo and passenger carriers. “I enjoy assisting carriers by creating new revenue opportunities for their companies. Not only does it strengthen our local economy, but it also provides long-term financial stability for the Airport.”

Most notably, Linda was most recently involved with implementing a program to streamline the visa process for Korean tourists traveling to Alaska. After months of drafting a proposal, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Korea, approved the program on April 14th. Effective May 1st, the visa program allows Korean travelers priority processing for visa applications, as long as their Alaska trip is purchased through one of twelve prior approved tour operators. Upon return from their trip to



Linda Close (second from the right, front row) at the signing ceremony in Seoul.

Alaska, Korean travelers are granted a 10-year multi-entry visa to the United States. This program gives Korean travelers a huge incentive to visit Alaska as a means for obtaining a U.S. multi-entry visa. In turn, the program assists Korean Airlines and tour operators operating in Anchorage.

Upon her recent return from a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Linda noted, “It is truly an honor to be a part of this process and I look forward to the success of this program.”

Quick Turnaround Facility (QTF)

As one of the busiest cargo hubs in North America, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is responsible for maintaining the increasing demand of passenger and cargo carriers. Perhaps more challenging however, is maintaining the runways and taxiways during Alaska’s harsh winter season.

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport recognizes the importance of maintaining our airfield to ensure air carriers meet their departure and arrival times while attracting new

carriers. As a result, in March 2003 the Airport began construction of a new Quick Turnaround Facility (QTF). As an additional facility to accompany the Field Maintenance Facility, which was completed in August 2005, the QTF provides a fueling station for maintenance vehicles and heavy equipment, as well as a storage facility for runway sand, urea, and deicing fluid. The QTF facility provides enough storage capacity for one winter season of runway maintenance.

Most notable is the new location of the QTF on the airfield, which allows for quick response to any runway maintenance issue.





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What's New at ANC: Taxiway Zulu

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport received a \$7.5 million grant from the FAA to develop Taxiway Zulu to support the growth and new development in South Airpark. The final construction phase is scheduled to conclude in June 2006 with final surface paving. Taxiway Zulu is 3,000 feet long and supports Group III type aircraft (small single and twin-engine propeller aircraft and corporate jets).

In addition to the Taxiway Zulu development, lease lots have been developed east of the taxiway. Currently, Meridian Investments is leasing two lots and in summer 2006, two more lots will be going out to bid. For information on leasing, please contact the Airport Leasing office at 266-2420.



Taxiway Zulu development indicated at right.